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SUBJ: EPMG INSTITUTES NEW CONVOY SYSTEM

REF: ADDIS 8648 AND PREVIOUS

1. OIL INDUSTRY SOURCES INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 24 THAT THE EPMG STARTED A NEW CONVOY SYSTEM THIS WEEK WHICH WILL PROBABLY REDUCE CONVOY TRANSIT TIME BY SEVERAL DAYS. UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM CONVOYS WILL OPERATE ONLY BETWEEN ASSAB AND SARDO WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 210 KMS FROM ASSAB. ALL INCIDENTS THUS FAR HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THESE TWO POINTS. CONVOYS WILL RUN BOTH DAY AND NIGHT.

2. ACCORDING TO THESE SAME SOURCES, TRUCK DRIVERS AS WELL
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AS THE OIL COMPANIES WELCOME THIS CHANGE. IF THE TURN AROUND

TIME IS REDUCED TO 5-7 DAYS (WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE TIME REQUIRED UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS), RATIONING WILL PROBABLY BE UNNECESSARY IN 3-4 WEEKS TIME AND STOCKS WILL ALSO HAVE BEEN GREATLY INCREASED DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. COMMENT.

A ASSUMING THE NEW SYSTEM IS EFFECTIVE AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE AGAIN IN AMPLE SUPPLY, THE GENERAL CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC IN THE EPMG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE AND THE EPMG WILL HAVE WEATHERED ONE OF ITS MOST DIFFICULT CHALLENGES DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

B. OIL INDUSTRY SOURCES ALSO CONFIRMED THAT NO TRUCKS WERE DESTROYED (SEE REFTTEL) WHEN THE BRIDGE WAS BLOWN ON JULY 12.
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